

subsidy has been imposed in the IRDP cases.

Bank employees of U.P. Co-operative Rural Development Bank (Ltd.) have been found involved.

One employee has suspended and departmental proceedings have been started against the two.

[Translation]

Wasteland Development Scheme

5614. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the main objectives of the Integrated Wasteland Development Schemes;

(b) the state-wise targets fixed under this scheme during the last two years and the extent of which success has been achieved in this regard;

(c) the state-wise extent of assistance given by the Union Government of this purpose during this period; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to make this scheme a success ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The main object of the Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme is to develop non-forest wastelands on the guidelines for watershed development.

(b) and (c) State-wise targets are not fixed under Integrated Wastelands Development Scheme. Under this Scheme, project proposals are prepared by the DRDA/Zilla Parishads and sanctioned on project to project basis. During the last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 96-97, an amount of Rs. 101.80 crores were released to the DRDAs/ Zilla Parishads for the development of 1,42,000 ha. of wastelands.

(d) For successful implementation of programme requires a high level participation of the community. Watershed Association, Watershed Committee, User Groups, Self -Help Groups have been constituted. Programmes are being monitored & inspected at the State and Central level.

[English]

Tactical Weapon System

5615. SHRI RAMBAHADUR SINGH :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tactical weapon system developed years back for deployment on submarines is yet to be put to practice;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure incurred on the development of the tactical weapon system;

(c) the reasons for its non-utilisation; and

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to utilise the tactical system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Tactical Weapon Control System, developed by DRDO as a part of PANCHENDRIYA System has already been installed on-board a submarine. So far, an amount of Rs. 6.8 crore (approximately) has been spend on this work.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Sea evaluation of the system will be completed by end 1997 after which it will be exploited for operational use.

Ships at Visakhapatnam

5616. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether two ships – which had reached at Visakhapatnam port trust (VPT) for cargo were detained on March 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) to whom those ships belong and the action, if any, taken against the ship owners ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

By Pass and Bridge in Varanasi, U.P.

5617. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI :
DR. SHAFIUR RAHMAN BARQ :
SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA :
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :
KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAM SAGAR :
SHRIMATI SHUBHAWATI DEVI :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the date, when the construction work of by-pass of G.T. Road from Mohan Sarai to Mughal Sarai in Varansi (U.P.) and bridge over Ganga river was started and the target date of completion fixed at that time;

(b) the amount earmarked initially for this project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) the details of progress made in this project in terms of percentage;

(d) the action taken against the officials responsible for non-completion of this project as per schedule and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the final date fixed for the completion of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Dates of start of construction work and completion of this project were as under:-

	Date of start	Target date fixed
1. Road work of by-pass	10/1987	04/1991
2. Ganga Bridge	12/1988	12/1992

(b) A sum of Rs. 49.92 crores was initially earmarked for this project. An expenditure of Rs. 104.46 crores has been incurred upto March, 1997.

(c) 60% and 97% progress has been achieved in respect of road and bridge works respectively.

(d) Delay in the completion of the project was caused due to the following factors:-

- (1) Slow progress of work achieved by the contractor.
- (2) Rescinding, including re-award of road work.
- (3) Litigation.
- (4) Change in specification and re-design of the bridge structure taking into account supplemental measures for long term durability and increased serviceability, issued subsequently.

(e) Target date of completion is December, 1997, subject to the availability of funds.

[English]

National Social Assistance Programme

5618. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister

of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned required funds to the National Social Assistance Programme in West Bengal;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned and yet to be released under this scheme in West Bengal; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The allocation based on Qualifying Financial Entitlement (QFE) and released made to the state of West Bengal for the last 2 years are given below :

Name of Scheme	Allocation		Release	
	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97
NOAPS	1971.02	3334.35	976.51	2404.54
NFBFS	1071.36	1824.90	531.09	966.50
FMBS	558.14	911.61	274.49	529.17

The release of Central funds to the States is conditional upon substantial utilisation of funds already released to them. The releases shown above are in accordance with the utilisation of funds released earlier, as per the information received from the State Government.

Committee on Rights of Child

5619. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether UN has agreed to provide top priority for rights of the child;

(b) if so, whether the UN Committee on rights of child has set up a 10 members independent expert committee to analyse the progress made by the Signatory States and in enforcing the convention;

(c) whether India is also a Signatory and has agreed to abide by all the resolutions passed by the UN on rights of the child;